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Cottonseed: 2002 Marketing Year Average Price, by State and U.S. [1]

State	2001	2002
	Dollars Per Ton	
AL	76.00	85.50
AR	79.00	93.00
GA	66.50	78.00
MS	76.50	79.00
NC	79.50	94.50
TN	**85.00**	**95.50**
US	90.50	101.00

[1] Revised. [2] August 2002-February 2003.

Cotton, Upland: 2002 Marketing Year Average Price, Prices Received by Month, State, and U.S., August 2002-July 2003

State	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan[1]	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	MYA
						Dollars Per Pound							
AL	.290	[3]	.434	.423	.451	.426	.432	.446	.441	.442	.445	.440	.435
AR	.290	[3]	.485	.444	.433	.470	.439	.446	.446	.456	.443	.440	.446
GA	.292	.389	.445	.463	.457	.434	.439	.446	.441	.442	.451	.461	.443
MS	.293	[3]	.431	.429	.454	.461	.449	.447	.441	.442	.448	.440	.440
NC	.456	.413	.384	.414	.434	.446	.440	.436	.433	.429	.436	.445	.422
TN	**.353**	**[2]**	**.456**	**.431**	**.455**	**.458**	**.461**	**.497**	**.453**	**.437**	**.468**	**.440**	**.453**
US	.345	.358	.394	.430	.443	.455	.465	.486	.454	.459	.455	.463	.445

[1] Second year. [2] Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. [3] Insufficent movement to establish a price.

Upland Cotton Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales by Month, State, and U.S., August 2002-July 2003, U.S. Bales Purchased by Month, 2002-2003 [1]

State	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Total
						Percent							
AL	1.2	0.1	1.1	7.1	7.4	16.3	23.3	11.5	10.6	9.4	7.2	4.8	
AR	2.9	0.0	2.5	11.8	9.5	21.4	17.2	8.0	8.2	10.0	5.3	3.2	
GA	2.2	1.0	6.7	11.0	21.5	21.3	14.7	5.8	4.9	4.4	3.8	2.7	
MS	4.9	0.0	1.7	5.4	6.8	13.5	26.2	11.0	10.1	8.8	7.1	4.5	
NC	3.1	2.0	21.9	14.3	27.6	10.1	9.0	3.9	3.3	2.3	1.4	1.1	
TN	**6.0**	**3.7**	**0.5**	**7.5**	**7.0**	**8.2**	**22.6**	**20.6**	**8.2**	**6.0**	**7.2**	**2.5**	
US	3.4	2.5	5.7	11.1	18.5	20.5	13.7	7.8	5.4	5.0	3.9	2.5	
						Marketings, (000) Bales [2]							
US	378	281	627	1,226	2,039	2,261	1,510	861	599	557	426	274	11,039

[1] Percent reflects estimates of actual marketings used for calculating marketing year average. Percentages may not add to 100 percent due to rounding. [2] Survey expansions.

Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned(Excluding Linters) Prior to October 15, Crop Years 2000-2003

State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2000	2001	2002	2003
All Cotton				
AL	211,100	120,450	112,650	118,500
AZ	152,800	111,550	109,150	74,300
AR	675,900	638,700	348,100	384,100
CA	251,000	190,450	157,950	35,450
FL	20,800	16,500	[1]	12,950
GA	198,250	256,150	248,300	228,050
LA	648,500	415,650	266,650	514,300
MS	1,068,800	764,750	573,900	872,700
MO	258,400	225,750	126,300	89,300
NM	12,500	9,000	[1]	1,000
NC	127,150	124,250	116,850	19,950
OK	50,600	12,850	30,450	13,950
SC	64,000	60,550	18,350	14,200
Tennessee	**411,400**	**319,450**	**170,950**	**145,050**
TX	1,775,050	1,342,100	1,217,550	1,303,200
VA	4,550	8,150	12,650	0
US	5,930,800	4,616,300	3,519,550	3,827,000

[1] Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

Tennessee Milk Production: July-September quarterly production of milk was 270 million pounds, dropped 30,000 pounds from the July-September period in 2002. The average number of milk cows in Tennessee during the July-September quarter was 78,000 head, 9,000 head less than the same period a year earlier.

U.S. July-September Milk Production: Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 41.5 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.07 million head, 88,000 head less than the same period last year.

Quarterly Milk Production: Tennessee and United States, July-September 2002-2003

Item	Unit	Tennessee		United States	
		2002	2003	2002	2003
		1,000 Head		Million Pounds	
Milk cows on farms [1]	1,000	87	78	9,153	9,065
Milk production [2]	mil. lbs.	300	270	41,791	41,540

[1] Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh. [2] Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U.S. Catfish Processing: Farm-raised catfish processed during September 2003 totaled 51.9 million pounds round weight, down 3 percent from September 2002. The average price paid to producers was 56.0 cents per pound for September 2003, up 0.8 cent from last month but 1.6 cents below a year ago. Net pounds of processed fish sold during September 2003 totaled 26.9 million pounds, up 1 percent from the comparable month in 2002. Total end of the month inventory decreased 10 percent from last month but was 4 percent above a year ago.

Sales of fresh fish, at 10.0 million pounds, were down 2 percent from September 2002 and represented 37 percent of total sales. Frozen fish sales, at 16.8 million pounds, were up 3 percent from a year ago and accounted for the remaining 63 percent of total fish sales. Sales of whole fish represented 17 percent of the total fish sold, fillets accounted for 60 percent, and the remaining 23 percent were mostly steaks, nuggets, and value added products. The September 2003 average price received by processors for total fresh fish was $1.97 per pound, a decrease of 2 cents from last year. Prices for fresh whole fish were $1.34 per pound, up 3 cents from last year. Prices for fresh fillets were down 5 cents at $2.49 per pound. Total frozen fish averaged $2.05 per pound, down 8 cents from September 2002. Prices for frozen whole fish were up 1 cent at $1.83, while frozen fillets at $2.37 per pound were down 4 cents from a year ago.

Broiler Eggs Set: Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 190 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 25, 2003. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed: Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 159 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 25, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002, through October 25, 2003, were 7.19 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

U.S. September Egg Production: U.S. egg production totaled 7.05 billion during September 2003, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.04 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 961 million were broiler-type and 55.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2003 averaged 332 million, down 2 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,127 eggs, up slightly from September 2002.

Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced, Selected States and United States, During September 2002 and 2003

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers [1]		Eggs per 100 for All Layers [1]	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands				Number	
Alabama	2,373	2,112	9,989	9,568	1,872	1,871
Arkansas	4,435	4,229	14,394	14,628	1,841	1,846
Georgia	10,880	10,589	20,237	19,735	2,016	2,037
North Carolina	3,337	3,387	10,692	10,442	1,899	1,925
All Other States [2]	252,425	248,353	281,952	277,286	2,158	2,165
United States	273,450	268,670	337,264	331,659	2,119	2,127

[1] Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. [2] Tennessee included in other states.

U.S. Livestock Slaughter: Cattle slaughter totaled 3.12 million head, up 9 percent from September 2002. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,227 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 82,600 head, down 7 percent from September 2002. The average live weight was 5 pounds above last year, at 308 pounds. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, 1 percent above September 2002. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 263 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 256,300 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 3 pounds from September a year ago.

Livestock Slaughter[1]: United States, September 2002 and 2003

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Cattle	2,867	3,123	3,619,953	3,832,666	1,263	1,227
Calves	89	83	26,979	25,398	303	308
Hogs	8,506	8,554	2,215,539	2,245,673	260	263
Sheep & lambs	276	256	35,374	33,594	128	131

[1] Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter).

U.S. Prices Received: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October is 113, based on 1990-92=100, 3 points above the September Index. Since last month, the Livestock & Products Index was higher while the All Crops Index was unchanged. Higher commodity prices for cattle, soybeans, dairy, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, hogs, wheat, and potatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed more than offset decreased marketings of dairy, grapes, wheat, and tobacco. This preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 18 points (18.9 percent) above October 2002. Higher prices for cattle, soybeans, broilers, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for corn, wheat, potatoes, and hay.

Prices Received by Farmers: Tennessee & U.S., October 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		October 2002	September[1] 2003	October [2] 2003	October 2002	September [1] 2003	October [2] 2003
		Dollars Per Unit					
Winter Wheat	bu.	3.91	3.55	---	4.32	3.32	3.14
Corn	bu.	2.61	2.27	2.20	2.34	2.20	2.02
Cotton Lint	lb.	.456	N/P	N/P	.394	.557	.614[3]
Soybeans	bu.	5.47	5.97	6.90	5.20	6.06	6.94
All beef cattle	cwt.	56.20	68.40	68.40	64.60	85.10	91.60
Steers/heifers	cwt.	71.00	88.00	88.00	68.60	89.40	97.40
Cows	cwt.	31.00	39.00	39.00	33.60	44.90	44.70
Calves	cwt.	78.00	93.00	93.00	92.00	109.00	112.00

[1] Entire month. [2] Mid-month. [3] Based on purchases first half of month. N/P=Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

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